

TRUMBULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2008
LONG HILL ROOM AT TOWN HALL

Meeting called to order by John Russell at 7:45. In attendance were Don Watson, Dale Parsons, Joanne Parsons, and Julie Jenkins.

Minutes from July 31 were approved. Agenda and minutes need to be posted on the website.

John read a letter from Ray Baldwin reminding us about not taking any gifts or gratuities.

No information about the town's current membership in the Southwest Conservation Commission.

A letter supporting the aerial photo of the town will probably be put on hold until the next round of funding. The committee wondered if the same information could be found out using something like Google maps.

Don suggested applying for a grant from the Watershed Assistance for monies to study flooding in Trumbull or for educational out reach. Don will find out if the town approves of this application.

DEP has training for Inland Wetlands, and John suggested it would be advantageous for at least one person on the Conservation Commission to go through the training. John will find out the next dates of training.

Don made a motion for the commission joining "Connecticut Association of Inland Wetlands Commission". Dale seconded, and it was unanimously accepted. John will approach the town about appropriating the money. (\$60)

Don also made a motion; Dale seconded, to join the Connecticut Soil Scientists. Unanimously accepted. (\$40)

Lars Jorgensen arrived at 8:15.

Julie presented a rough draft of an article to be submitted to the Trumbull Times for an educational outreach from our commission. The first topic was the need for and the proper installation of silt fencing. Julie will finish the article, add diagrams, and get approval from the town.

The commission looked at Inland Wetland application 08-27. It was decided that there was not enough information, and the application should not have been accepted. Joanne

made a motion to draft a letter to Inland Wetland not to accept this application. Julie seconded. Unanimous vote. Concerns in application are the following: area of filling not delineated, existing and proposed contours missing, lack of application checklist items, and delineation of impacted area missing.

The commission looked at Inland Wetland application 08-26. The commission had no complaints of this application, but there should be control of stream erosion during construction.

The commission looked at the revised Hidden Pond application. Dale recommended that Southwest Conservation Commission look at this application again because of the many changes. Planning and Zoning will not hear this application before Inland Wetlands rules on it. We have some grave concerns about this application, specifically because of the outdated data about flood plain drawings. A draft letter was approved for submittal to the Inland Wetlands.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Our concerns are the following: no current flood lines are available for this area (our opinion is that a large portion of this area falls within the 50 year flood plain), there is no permitting found for the legal fill of this area (old maps show this entire area to be wetlands), paved surfaces will transverse the wetlands either for driveways or roadways, drawings do not show wetland set back lines, all enhancements should be put in prior to any buildings being erected, weekly reports about building should be filed to make sure all procedures are being followed as proposed, insufficient protection of the wetlands is provided

The commission agreed to write a letter to Inland Wetlands stating that the plan is unacceptable, the plan has significant impact on sensitive wetlands and floodplains due to high density of proposed built infrastructure, and destruction of wetlands within the regulated area. John will write the letter.